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Mrs. McElroy will hold her first reception at the white house from 3 to 5 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Waite, Mrs. Carlisle, Mrs. Frelinghuysen, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Gresham, Mrs. S. F. Miller, Mrs. Frank Hiscock, Mrs. Hawley, Mrs. Pendleton, Mrs. Keiter, and the Misses Nevins, of New York, have been invited to assist her. These Saturday afternoon receptions will occur weekly during the season, and will doubtless prove, as last year. among the most agreeable of white house ceremonials.

The wife of Secretary Chandler hopes soon to have her mother, Mrs. Hale, pay her a visit, and remain for some time with her

Mrs. Lincoln's mother, Mrs. Harlan, has hers. Lincoin's mother, airs. Raria, has been somewhat worse for the past week, and her illness has had but few favorable turns lately that have admitted of her setting up.
Mrs. Waite is suffering from a severe cold, and was not able to be present at her Tuesday

evening reception, nor to go out during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Teall, of New York, have been visiting her during this time. and have accompanied Miss Waite to several entertainments.

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This has been more than an ordinarily busy week for society, and every afternoon and evening has been crowded with entertainments. On Monday afternoon Mrs. Yules gave a tea, and in the evening Gen. and Mrs. Anderson gave a dinner; there was a reception at Senator Pendieton's, a fancy dress party at Mrs. Halliday's, a reception at Mrs. Edgar's, and the first of the Bachelors' club germans at Wormley's was one of the most brilliant affairs of the week. On Tuesday Mrs. Howard White gave a large tea, Mr. and Mrs. Waiter Woods a dinner, there was the third of the agreeable Tuesday evening receptions at Chief Justice Waite's, and receptions at the German legation and at Mrs. Pollok's. On Wednesday the cabinet receptions were unusually large, possibly in henor of the one pleasant day of the winter, Mrs. Matthews. Mrs. Biddle and Mrs. Wilson gave teas, the Research of the contract of the contract of the state of the Research and the second contract of the second contract of the contract of t one pleasant day of the winter, Mrs. Matthews. Mrs. Biddle and Mrs. Wilson gave teas, there was the Barry-Bestor wedding at St. John's in the evening, and receptions at Senator Conger's, at Mrs. Laughton's, Mrs. Berry's, Mrs. Redfern's, a german at Mrs. Pest's, and Miss Stevens's. On Thursday calling was impeded, but by no means stopped by the rainstorm, and in the evening there was a large and brilliant card reception at Secretary Frelinghuysen's, and Justice and Mrs. Woods held another of their Thursday evening receptions. Last night there was a ball at the arsenal, the reception at the Rusevening recoptions. Last night there was a ball at the arsenal, the reception at the Rus-sian legation, a pound party at the Rigas house, and a hop at Willard's hotel. This afternoon there is the first of Mrs. McElroy's receptions at the white house, a tea at Mrs. Bromwell's, receptions at Justice Miller's and Commissioner Loring's, a literary gathering at Mr. Horatio King's, the meeting of the Literary society at Mr. Belden Nobio's, and a reception at Miss Ransom's studio.

In the face of the disagreeable weather of In the face of the disagreeable weather of Thursday afternoon Mrs. Logan's reception was largely attended. She was assisted in receiving by her daughter, Mrs. Tucker, by the wife of Bishop Simpson, by Mrs. George E. Adams, of Chicago; Mrs. Ransom Dunham, Mrs. Smith, of Springfield; Miss Smith, Miss Pearson, Miss Cannon, and Miss Lowery. Mrs. Logan wore a toilet of golden brown satiu and light brocade; Mrs. Tucker, India red cashmere trimmed with black velvet embroidered in colors; Mrs. Simpson, dregs-of-wine satiu and striped brocade; Mrs. Adams, bronze and green striped ottoman silk; Mrs. bronze and green striped ottoman silk; Mrs. Dunham, trained dress of black velvet; Mrs. Smith, a mourning toilet of black silk; Miss Smith, black silk; Miss Lowery, black silk; Miss Cannon, green ottoman and chene bro-cade, and Miss Pearson, ruby velvet and satin.

Miss Fiorence Conger, who has been passing some time with Mr. and Mrs. Chilian Conger, at Ogdensburg, N. Y., returned this week in at Ogdenson time to be present at time to be present at time to be wednesday. sent at Mrs. O. D. Conger's Wednesday. More than a quorum of the senate were present on that occasion, in addition to the other guests, and many of the senators who have houses here are quite taken with the idea of giving senatorial parties, and marking themselves out as a distinct and harmonious a company s the large circle of diplomats have always

A lady was recently overheard at an afternoon reception burling epithets at the heads of those people who have iron gates to their At the door yards and oblige their visitors to strug-gle with rusty and obstinate latches, much to the detriment of temper and gloves. Her argument was that in a city where an effective police force and pound laws keep stray cattle out of the streets, a closed gate is wholly unnecessary, and that on reception days, at least, ladies might keep their gates braced or tied back, and both parts of a dou-

At a Philadelphia wedding last week, that was to be carried cut on the English plan, the groom got locked into the pastor's study and could not make his escape. He saw the minutes slipping by and at last, after the crash of the organ notes announced the entry of the bridal party, he broke his way through a window, ran around the church, and went hurrying down the aiste just as the despairing minister had begun: "If any one know cause or just impediment why these two persons should not be joined together," &c.

Ex-Representative Pacheco, who has been back and forth between here and New York, has returned to that city, and will leave for the City of Mexico next week to remain for some time. Mrs. and Miss Pachaco are still in New York, and will stay there until Gov. Pacheco's return from the southwest. Mrs. Pacheco has gained somewhat during the past few weeks, and hopes to be restored to health as soon as milder weather arrives.

Hon. E. B. Washburne and his wife, of Chicago, have gone to the Arkansas Hot Springs for the winter. Their eldest daugh-ter, formerly Miss Susie Washburne, is married and living at Bridgeport, Conu. Miss Marie Washburne is now the guest of her uncle, Representative Washburne, at his home on Scott circle, and will remain here during the winter.

Mrs. Howard White is receiving a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton White, of Syra-cuse, and gave a handsome tea in their honor on Tuesday. With the exception of the early hours and the bonnets and visiting dresses of the guests it was as brilliant as any even-ing party, and dancing in the ball room and an elaborate supper in the dining room heightened the impression.

Mrs. Sheridan had a large reception on Tuesday and wore a most becoming toilet of steel gray cashmer and rose-colored silk with a netted bodice of cut steel heads. Her assistant, Mrs. Tucker, wore a dark brown satin combined with gay brocade.

There is a brilliant programme of social events for next week, beginning with the charity ball on Monday night, the ball at the British legation on Tucsday, the army and navy assembly and german on Wednesday.

Mrs. Angus Smith and her niece, Miss Anna Russell, arrived from Milwaukee last week, and will stay for some time at the Ebbitt.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett has given up her Tucsday afternoon receptions and and so on through the week.

Miss Green, the author of those admirable novels, "The Leavenworth Case," "The Mys-terious Disappearance," "Sword of Damo-cles," and "Hand and Bing" arrived here on Thurday, and is a guest at Mrs. Rine's house,

No. 623 Thirteenth street. Ex-Representative Deering and wife, of lows, have arrived at the Higgs house, and will occupy their old quarters during the

Mrs. Thomas A. Coakley gave a very pleasant reception at her home, No. 731 Thirteeuth
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guests were Mrs. Anderson, Miss Burgass,
Misses Eva and Sallie Tardy, of Lynchburg,
Vs.; Mrs. Clark, of Philadelphia; Mrs.
Trainor, Cart. Adams. of Vicksburg. Miss.;
Mr. William Mc Adoo, Mr. J. Hart Brower,
Mr. John J. Adams, Mr. Trainor, and Mr.
Roberts, of New York.

A naval officer living here lately received what he supposed to be a legacy from a deceased relative in the shape of some wonderful paintings, carvings, and brica-brac. He had part of his hall wainscoting out away to accommodate an antique carved bench and mirror frame of solid oak, and set up the wonderful Sevres vases, worth several thousands, in his drawing room. While in the first flush of his possession a messenger came from the art store through which they had reached him, saying that there had been a mistake made, and that all of these tressures belonged to some one else. The paintings the vases, and the carved hall pieces now adorn the residence of a western senator, who experienced some anxiety as time had slipped by without his valuables making their appearance. A naval officer living here lately received

Maxwell Tabor, the son of the famous senastarwell theor, the son of the lamous sena-tor, was married in Denver last week to a very charming and levely young girl. The wedding was a quiet one, and conducted in the best taste, and the young couple are now in New York on their wedding tour. On their return to Denver they will reside with Mrs. Augusta Tabor, the first wife of the ex-

It does not seem to be generally understood that Mrs. Senator Van Wyck receives no guests this year. The death of three children in quick succession a few months ago has made her home a home of mourning. Seme unpleasant disappointments have resulted from ignorance of Mrs. Van Wyck's

retirement from society, The majority of the ladies at the Ebbitt house have now decided to receive on Mon-days, and this week there was a large re-ceiving party in the main parlor during the afternoon. The wife of Senator Plumb re-ceived in the red parlor on Thursday as usual.

Mrs. Warner Miller had the assistance of her mother, Mrs. Churchill, her sister, Miss Churchill, and Miss Spriggs at her reception on Thursday, and the callers who braved the rain had a cheery welcome by the blazing fire and an inspiring cup of tea offered them.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harrison's cards are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harrison's cards are out, and announce that they will be at home after March 25 at Helens, Mon. They are expected here very soon, and will join in the busy round of pleasure that now occupies every afternoon and evening.

The beautiful roses and flowers used at the Bachelors' german on Monday night were all sent by New York florists from rosehouses at Morristown, N. J., our own florists being unable to supply the customary demands of the season this year.

K street was again crowded with equipages on Tuesday afternoon, and Mrs. Hazen, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Loring, Mrs. Myer, Mrs. Bingham, Mrs. English, and Mrs. Drum had host of callers that even outnumbered those of last week.

The fourth Saturday lecture under the auspices of the Anthropological and Biological society will be delivered at the national museum at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Maj. J. W. Powell will lecture on "Win-tun My-

The german held at Miss Williamson's house last week was not a private entertainment, but a meeting of an organized german club. The next german of the club will be held at the residence of Col. Lieber.

There was a large recoption at the Riggs on Monday, Mrs. Hatch, Mrs. Seney, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Flint, Mrs. and Miss Cannon, and Mrs Dunham and Mrs. Coston receiving together in the main parlor. There will be a cotillion at the ball at the British legation on Tuesday evening, and the fote will end as all such entertainments at this legation do with the dancing of the good old Sir Roger de Coverly.

Mrs. Mahlon Ogden Jones, of Chicago, whose first husband was a Russian count, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Leiter at their residence on Dupont circle, and received with Mrs. Leiter on Tuesday.

Bishop and Mrs. Simpson have been staying at Willard's this week. Mrs. Simpson assisted Mrs. teller on Wednesday afternoon, and was one of the receiving party with Mrs.

Logan on Thursday. Miss Price, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting Mrs. Stewart on Dapont Circle, has returned home, and the Misses Gibbons, of Philadelphia, are now the guests of that

charming hostess. Mrs. B. F. Felix, of Chicago, well known in the society and charitable circles of the North Side of that city, is visiting friends at 623 Thirteenth street, and will remain here for

severai weeks. dence, on Connecticat avenue, this afternoon, and will be assisted by her sister, Miss

and by the wife of Senator Groome of Maryland. Miss Crozior, who has been passing several weeks with Miss Rockwell, received with Mrs. Rockwell on Wednesday afternoon, and left the following day for her home in Phila-

At the National on Monday, Mrs. Springer. Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Green, Mrs. and Miss Dun-nell, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Bagley, Mrs. Spooner, and others, had a large number of

The sister of Justice Gray, who is spending the winter with him, received on Monday afternoon, and many callers gathered about her cheerful fireside during the afternoon. Ex-Representative Neal has been here lately, and his wife and daughters will prob-ably come here in a few weeks to remain until

milder weather sets in at their Ohio home. Mrs. Angus Cameron received at her residence, on B street, on Monday afternoon, and was assisted by Miss Riddle, Miss Putnam, Miss Harper, and Miss Wardwell.

Mrs. Hart, of Ohio; Miss Hart, and Mrs. F P. Fowers will receive on Tuesdays at No. 905 Thirteenth street. Miss Hart is spend-ing the winter here with her parents. Cards are out for a fancy dress party, with

dancing to be given by Licut. Scantling to his only child on his fourth birthday, Tues-day, Feb. 5, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Mrs. A. F. Stevenson, of Chicago, who is spending the winter here with her family, receives on Monday afternoons at her residence, 1125 Fourteenth street.

Justice and Mrs. Woods were assisted at their reception on Thursday evening by their daughter, Miss Florence Woods, and by Miss Foster and Miss Hutchins.

Owing to the illness of her little son Ban-croft, Mrs. John Dayis did not receive yes-terday, and has not gone to any entertain-ments during the week.

Representative Valentine has returned to the city, and since his arrival has received word of the entire recovery of his wife from her recent illness. Mrs. J. B. Belford was suddenly called

away this week by the alarming illness of her mother, whose recovery is still a matter of serious doubt.

Mrs. Julia H. Auagnes, of Boston, the daughter of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, is the guest of Mrs. Quackenbush, at the Hamilton. Representative George, of Oregon, has been sined by his wife and daughter, who will receive on Mondays hereafter at 1010 I street. Mrs. Dwight Tripp, of Chicago, neo Miss Corinne Williamson, is visiting her parents here and is accompanied by her infant son.

up her Tuesday afternoon receptions and receives on that evening instead. Mrs. Halliday, of N street, receives on Fri-day afternoons, and invites guests informally for Saturday evening receptions.

Mrs. and Miss Cullom, Mrs. Groome, Mrs. Weldon, and Mrs. Joslyn received together at Willard's on Thursday afternoon.

The wife of Representative Adams, of Calcado, has her niece, Miss Pearson, of Orange, N. J., visiting her this winter.

daughters, Mrs. Thatcher and Miss Holman, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Quackenbush, Mrs. dollins, Mrs. Boutelle, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Freeman, and Mrs. Frothingham.

Mrs. Miller, wife of the California senator, has issued cards for a large fancy dress party on the evening of Feb. 5. Mrs. Joslyn, wife of Secretary Joslyn,

ects to leave the city soon on account of the ill health of her father.

The nextassembly and german of the Army and Navy club will be held on Wednesday evening at the armory. The wife of Lieut, Hemphill and his sister,

Mrs. Cutts, receive on Wednesday at their rooms on N street. On account of the death of Senator Dolph's mother, Mrs. Dolph did not hold any recep-

tion this week. The wife of Representative White, of Kentucky, receives on Fridays at her apartments on F street.

The wife of Sepator Sabin had the assist-Mrs. J. J. Knox at her reception Thursday.

Mrs. Bowen, of Colorado, received at the Riggs house on Thursday, assisted by Mrs. J.

Mrs. C. V. Deuster and her daughter re-eivs on Fridays at their residence on Tenth Mrs. Field is still absent in New York, and fill not return in time to receive on Mon-

Mrs. Audenreid will soon go to St. Louis to pay a visit to the family of Gen. Sherman. Senator Farley is still ill at his home and not able to start to Washington.

The Earl of Huntingdon gave a dinner party at the Arlington last night.

Declines to Make a Defense. Azel Ames, a member of the Boston board of medical examiners of the pension office, who is charged with having used his office to further private interests, and with other irregularities, has declined to make any defense before the commission appointed

any defense before the commission appointed to investigate the charges, because the commission refused to go to Boston to hear witnesses in his behalf. His action leaves the commission with the ex parte evidence, collected by the special agents, unimpeached before them, and there can be but little doubt of the result of their investigation, which will soon come to an end. Gen. Ord's Remains.

Representative Lyman, of the house committee on military affairs, was authorized, at a meeting of the committee yesterday, to favorably report to the house a bill for the appointment and retirement of Henry J. Appointment and retrement of Henry J. Hunt, now retired as colonel, as major general. The chairman was authorized to urge consideration at an early day of the senate bill providing for the removal of the remains of Gen. Ord from Havana to Washington.

Surgeon General of the Navy. The term of office of Medical Director P. S. Wales, as surgeon general of the navy, by virtue of his office as chief of the bureau of medicine and surgery, will expire to-day, Notwithstanding the strong influence in his favor of his reappointment, it is generally believed that Medical Director F. M. Gun-nell will get the office. A nomination will be sent to the senate next week.

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